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SUBJECT: UPM DHAHRAN SEEKS WORK/TRAINING EXCHANGE WITH
US FIRMS

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1. PER REFTTEL (A) DEPT COMMUNICATED WITH POST LAST YEAR REGARDING POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF IAESTE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOC. FOR THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS FOR TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE) COMMITTEE FOR SAUDI ARABIA.
2. IAESTE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT POSSIBLE INTERESTED PARTIES: DR. TALAL JAMJOOM, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, UNIV. OF RIYADH, DR. ABDUL RAHMAN AL-ZAMIL, UPM, BUT WITH NO SUCCESS.

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3. IAESTE SET UP TO MANAGE WORK/TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ADVANCED UNDERGRADUATES FOR 8-WEEK UP TO 1-YEAR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING MAINLY FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS. EMPLOYERS WOULD PAY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES FOR LIVING COSTS. STUDENTS WOULD COVER TRAVEL, HEALTH, INCIDENTALS.
4. SHOULD UPM WISH TO DEVELOP THIS RELATIONSHIP WITHOUT

SETTING UP A NATIONAL COMMITTEE IT CAN BE ACCEPTED BY
IAESTE AS A "COOPERATING INSTITUTION."

5. IAESTE HAS J-1 VISA AUTHORIZATION WHICH SHOULD ELIMINATE COMPLICATIONS IN THAT AREA.

6. THEREFORE DEPT SUGGESTS THAT MR. TASHKANDI PURSUE THIS AVENUE BY CONTACTING MR. ROBERT SPRINKLE, AMERICAN CITY BUILDING, SUITE 217, COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21044. MR. SPRINKLE IS AWARE OF SAUDI INTEREST IN SUCH PROGRAMS AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO RESPOND PROMPTLY.

7. CALCUSEARCH, INC., 2001 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY, ARLINGTON, VA. 22202, HAS ALSO APPROACHED DEPT AND INDICATED THAT IT HAS BOTH THE WILLINGNESS AND CAPABILITY TO SET UP THE TYPE OF PROGRAM THAT UPM WISHES TO ARRANGE.

8. CALCUSEARCH ALSO HAS J-1 VISA AUTHORIZATION. VANCE

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